(b) total amount of expenditure contemplated to implement the Programme; and

(c) the amount earmarked for each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) The Basic Minimum Service announced by the Prime Minister on the occasion of the Independence Day address to the Nation refers to the provision of Seven Basic Minimum Services to all our people recommended by the Conference of Chief Ministers organised on 4-5 July, 1996. The Seven Basic Minimum Services are as under:

(i) 100 per cent coverage of provision of safe drinking water in rural and urban areas.

(ii) 100 per cent coverage of primary health service facilities in rural and urban areas.

(iii) Universalisation of primary education.

(iv) Provision of Public Housing Assistance to all shelterless poor families.

(v) Extension of Mid-day Meal programme in primary schools to all rural blocks and urban slums and disadvantaged sections.

(vi) Provisions of connectivity to all unconnected villages and habitations and

(vii) Streamline the the Distribution System with focus upon the poor.

(b)and (c) For the financial year 1996-97, the Central Government has provided an additional amount of Rs. 2466 crores as Central Assistance for State Plans to significantly increase the availability of funds for these schemes. This would be in addition/to the provisions already made in the State Plans for these seven identified services. Amounts earmarked for each of these Basic Minimum Services will be reflected in the Annual Plan, of each State.

Aerial Photography and Mineral survey work by AIR survey company of India Private Ltd.

3897. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air Survey Company of India Private Ltd., Calcutta, is carrying our tasks of serial photography and mineral survey work for Survey of India and Atomic Minerals Division;

(b) whether the tasks are of strategical / classified nature, if so, the actual nature of jobs carried out and the reasons for entrusting such jobs to a private company;

(c) whether an assessment committee from the Department of Science and Technology had visited the company in January, 1991; and

(d) if so, their assessment of the working of the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Atomic Minerals Division hires only aircraft from the Air Survey Company to be used as a platform for using their equipments on board and the survey is carried by the officers of Atomic Minerals Division and the Survey data is collected by them. Survey of India utilises the services of the company for serial survey of 'unrestricted' areas.

(c) and (d) An Expert Committee set up by the Department of Science and Technology visited the company in January 1991 and examined various suggestions for the take over of the company and took a view that there was no need- of a take over.